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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Rolando Barbucci)
SERIAL NO. : 09/830,761) Art Unit: 1623
FILING DATE : 06/18/01) Examiner: White
TITLE : Cross-linked Hyaluronic Acids and)
Medical uses thereof)

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action of 10/02/02, please amend
this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claim:

A 17.(New) A cross-linked hyaluronic acid obtained by the
reaction of the carboxylic acid groups of hyaluronic acid and
a diamine of the formula $R_1NH-A-NHR_2$ wherein A is a linear
C₂-C₆ alkylene chain optionally substituted by hydroxy,
carboxy, halogen, alkoxy and amino groups; a polyoxylkylene chain
[(CH₂)₂-O-CH₂)₂]_m wherein m is an interger from 2-10;
1,4 or 1,3 disubstituted benzene; and R₁ and R₂, which are the
same or different, are hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl or benzene
groups. A